



THE HON. M^{RS} HOPE,

Engraved by SCRIVEN, from a 'Portrait by SIR THOMAS LAWRENCE.

The 10th Vol. of Series of the Female Artists.

Published by W. Thomas, 22, St. John's Lane, London, W.C. 1, in August 1895.

The Portrait by M. Colnaghi, 22, St. John's Lane, London, W.C. 1.

LA BELLE ASSEMBLÉE,

FOR MAY, 1830.

ILLUSTRATIVE MEMOIR OF THE HONOURABLE MRS. HOPE:

THE Honourable Mrs. Hope—a name with which we have been accustomed to associate the idea of all that is beautiful and elegant—is the youngest daughter of the late Lord Decies, Archbishop of Tuam, and brother to the late Marquess of Waterford: she is consequently cousin, by paternal descent, of Lady John Thynne, whose portrait, accompanied by an illustrative memoir, we had the honour of introducing to the readers of *LA BELLE ASSEMBLÉE* a month since.

As already stated in the Memoir of Lady John Thynne, Nicholas la Poer, a lineal descendant from Sir Roger la Poer, who accompanied Strongbow, Earl of Pembroke, in his expedition to Ireland, was summoned to parliament, by writ, in 1375, as Baron la Poer. His son, Richard la Poer, married the daughter of Lord Decies, by whom he had a son, Richard, created Baron la Poer, in 1435. The baron's eldest son, Peter, dying without issue, the title devolved upon his next son, John, whose grandson, Richard, was, in 1673, created Viscount Decies, and Earl of Tyrone. John, the eldest son of the Earl, dying unmarried, was succeeded by his brother James; on whose death, without male issue, in 1535, the earldom of Tyrone and viscounty of Decies, became extinct. His Lordship's only daughter and heiress, Catherine, succeeded to the barony of la Poer. She became, in 1717, the lady of Sir Marcus Beresford, Bart.; who, in 1720,

was created Baron Beresford, and Viscount Tyrone, and, in 1746, Earl of Tyrone, who had three sons. The eldest, George de la Poer, was created Marquess of Waterford in 1789; the second, barrister at law, became a commissioner of the revenue of Ireland; and the youngest, William, was the father of Mrs. Hope. Born on the 16th of April, 1743, he was educated for the church; and, enjoying many preferments, he was consecrated Bishop of Dromore, in 1780; Bishop of Ossory, in 1782; and Archbishop of Tuam, in 1794. On the 21st of December, 1812, His Grace was created Baron Decies, of the county of Waterford; a title which, as it has been seen, was enjoyed by his maternal ancestor, James de la Poer, third and last Viscount Decies, and Earl of Tyrone. Early in life—on the 12th of June, 1763—he had married Elizabeth, the second daughter of John Fitzgibbon, of Mount Shannon, in the county of Limerick, Esq., and sister of John, First Earl of Clare, Lord High Chancellor of Ireland, and Baron Fitzgibbon, of Sidbury, in the county of Devon.* By this lady,

* “The family of Fitzgibbon, the chief of which was styled the White Knight, otherwise *Clan-gibbon*, is descended from the Fitzgeralds, Barons Offaley, progenitors of the great houses of Kildare and Desmond; from the same origin are descended the knights of *Glin*, and the *Valley*, and the knights of *Kerry*, otherwise the Black Knights. These titles were conferred by the Earl

(who died on the 24th of August, 1807) Lord Decies had a family of fifteen children,*

of Desmond, as a count Palatine, on junior branches of the house of Fitzgerald; in the like manner as Hugh Lupus, the Earl of Chester, created his inferior barons."—John Fitzgibbon, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Hope, was an eminent barrister. On entering the profession of the law, in 1731, he published "Notes of Cases determined at Westminster;" whose accuracy was admitted by Lord Chancellor Hardwicke. In 1768, he was returned to Parliament for James-Town, and afterwards for Newcastle in the county of Limerick. In 1777, he published an "Essay on Commerce." Mr. Fitzgibbon died in 1780, at the age of seventy-two, universally respected for his independence as a senator. His wife was Ellinor, daughter of John Grove, of Ballyhimock, in the county of Cork, Esq., and sister of Richard Grove, Esq., whose daughter and sole heir, Mary, was married to Francis Charles, first Earl of Annesley.

* 1. Marcus, born in 1764, a brigadier-general in the army, died at Barbados, unmarried;—2. and 3. Thomas and Henry, both died young;—4. John de la Poer, the present peer;—5. George de la Poer, in holy orders, married, in 1798, Susanna, daughter of Hamilton Georges, of Kilbrew, in the county of Meath, Esq;—6. 7. and 8. William, Henry, and William, all died young;—9. William, in holy orders, born in 1780, married, in 1804, the lady Anna Bennet, daughter of Charles, fourth Earl of Tankerville;—10. Catherine Eleanor, married, in 1791, to the Rev. William Armstrong, of Mealiffe, in the county of Tipperary;—11. Elizabeth, died young;—12. Araminta Anne, married, in 1794, to the Rev. Arthur John Preston, dean of Limerick;—13. Harriet, married, in 1796, to Thomas Henry Ber-

of which the Hon. Louisa, now Mrs. Hope, was the youngest. His Grace died on the 6th of September, 1819, and was succeeded by his eldest son, the Right Honourable and Rev. John de la Poer Horsley Beresford, the present Lord Decies.*

The Hon. Louisa Beresford was, several years since, married to Thomas Hope, of the Scotch family of the Hopes, of Deepden, in the county of Surrey, Esq., a gentleman of princely fortune, of an elegant and highly cultivated mind, distinguished as a munificent patron of literature and the arts, and not less as the author of one of the most popular works of fiction that has appeared, even in the present prolific age. †

mingham Sewel, Esq., grandson of Thomas Ber-
mingham, Earl of Louth, and twenty-second Baron of Athenry;—14. Frances, married, in 1797, to Colonel Thomas Burrowes;—15. Louisa, married to Thomas Hope, Esq.

* The Right Hon. and Rev. John de la Poer Horsley Beresford, D.D., Baron Decies, was born in 1776. He married, in 1810, Charlotte, only daughter and heiress of Robert Horsley (whose name he has taken) of Bolam House, in the county of Northumberland, Esq., by whom he has a son and three daughters.

† *Anastasis, or Memoirs of a Modern Greek.*—Mr. Hope also published, in 1805, a splendid folio, entitled *Household Furniture and Internal Decorations*; and, in 1809, *The Costumes of the Ancients*, in two volumes, royal octavo.—In a very short time we hope to have the honour of introducing Mr. Hope more especially to the notice of our readers, in a different department of *LA BELLE ASSEMBLEE*.